Recruitment of Officers in the Air Force

*132. SHRI RAMA MUNI READDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Force is thinking of using regional languages in test for recruiting airmen and other officers to get the best talent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of airmen and officers' posts lying vacant, zonewise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The vacancies are not maintained zone-wise.

Implementation of Schemes in NER

*133. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the scheme-wise details of outlays for NER in the Tenth Five Year Plan, including the ones by the Central Silk Board, under 10 per cent budgetary provisions;

(b) the implementation status of ongoing schemes in the region and when they are targeted to be completed; and

(c) the details of State-wise list of proposals received from NGOs for implementation of programmes of the Ministry in NER indicating name of the NGO, date of receipt and date of sanction of the proposals during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASH1 RAM RANA): (a) For development of NER, the scheme-wise tentative allocations during the Tenth Plan (2002-07) as per the provision of 10 per cent of the budgetary support of this Ministry are as below :